

Remarks

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Restriction Requirement mailed February 5, 2004. No fee is due for the addition of new claims. A Petition for Extension of Time to Respond is submitted herewith, together with the appropriate fee.

I. Summary of Restriction Requirement

Prior to the Restriction Requirement mailed February 5, 2004, claims 1-36 were pending in the Application. In the Restriction Requirement, the application was restricted as follows:

Group I:	Claims 1-6
Group II:	Claims 7-12 and 25-30
Group III:	Claims 13-18 and 31-36
Group IV:	Claims 19-24

II. Summary of Applicant's Amendments

The present cancels claims 1-18 and 25-36, and adds new claims 37-66, leaving for the Examiners present consideration claims 19-24 and 37-66.

III. Election of Invention

Applicant hereby elects Group IV, claims 19-24 for present consideration. Claims 1-18 and 25-36 are withdrawn from present consideration at this time, and have been canceled. Applicant reserves the right to reinstate and/or to prosecute any withdrawn or canceled claims in a currently pending or future application.

IV. Additional Amendments

Claims 37-66 have been added by way of Preliminary Amendment. Applicant respectfully requests that new claims 37-66 be included in the Application and considered therewith.

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V. Conclusion


In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and reconsideration thereof is respectfully requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned should he have any inquiries.

A Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed herewith, together with the appropriate fee, to extend the time within which to respond until June 7, 2004.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 24-0037 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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